

Victorian Women Dentists' Association Annual Seminar 2009

The Victorian Women Dentists' Association held their Annual Seminar at The Point, Albert Park Lake on Saturday June 20th.

The conference: “ The Right Dentistry at the Right Time” was awarded 5.5 hours of scientific credit and 0.75 hours of non-scientific credit. The first speaker Dr. Karen Kan spoke in great depth about hypomineralized first molars, how to diagnose a case of MIH (molar incisor hypomineralisation), including its classification, the treatment options and approaches and the possible consequences.

A very passionate Professor Michael Woods spoke of the myths about the effects of extractions, retention and functional appliances before discussing all the necessary considerations in undertaking orthognathic surgery and how in taking on complex cases an orthodontist has an ongoing , longterm responsibility.

Dr Alex Yusupov discussed the growth in demand for invisible braces as the number of adults desiring orthodontic treatment grew and used a lovely clear powerpoint presentation to illustrate his talk. He covered the use of tooth coloured and transparent brackets, Invisalign, and lingual braces.

After lunch, Dr Pamela Craig gave us a fascinating description of Forensic Odontology and examples of cases which had become involved in the court system and in which dental evidence was crucial. Following on from that Dr Anthony Hill explained the importance of the potential partnership between dentists and forensic odontologists and described all the tools used to help identify victims. He gave us some insight into the mammoth task and great difficulties encountered in identifying remains in natural and man made disasters.

The last presentation for the day was given by Dr Tony Roseman from the Dental Practice Board of Victoria. In 2010 there will be a new Health Professions Regulations Act with 313 sections- much more complex than the current Act set up in 2005

with 182 sections. One of the new sections deals with professional boundaries e.g. sleep disorders. There are changes in the Infection Control codes of practice detailed in the booklet sent out in July. A national registration as opposed to state registration is proposed but it is unclear how this will work.

The VWDA is proud to acknowledge the achievements of members of our dental community. At the seminar several awards were announced.. We were delighted to be able to give two awards for Outstanding Female Candidate in the ADC Final Exam. It was difficult to choose between Dr Mee Kyung Kim and Dr Fatma Khazaal as both candidates showed good cause albeit it different.

The Special Needs Dentistry Conference Scholarship recipient was Dr Carolyn Ng. The VWDA Leadership Award was awarded to Dr Nicky Kilpatrick, and both she and Carolyn will be presented with their awards at a later event

The final award: The Highest Achieving Final Year Female Dental Bachelor of Dental Science Student 2006 was given to Dr Kar Yeng Tham,.

The VWDA would like to acknowledge the dental companies; Dentsply, GC, GlaxoSmithKline, Pfizer and Dentavision for their trade displays, and generous door prizes. Their company representatives are always welcome attendees at our seminars.

Information about the Victorian Women Dentists' Association is available on our website: www.vwda.org.au